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STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
DEPARTMENT OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY  
DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS  
BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICAL EXAMINERS  
DOCKET NO. 90-71

IN THE MATTER OF THE  
INVESTIGATIVE INQUIRY OF  
  
ROBERT H. COHEN, V.M.D.

Administrative Action

**CONSENT ORDER**

This matter was opened to the New Jersey State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners on or about September 4, 1990, upon receipt of a complaint involving the care given in August 1990 by Robert H. Cohen, V.M.D., to a Springer Spaniel named "Ebony." Dr. Cohen appeared before the Board for an Investigative Inquiry on December 19, 1990, accompanied by counsel Stern, Steiger, Croland, Tanenbaum & Schielke, P.A. (Stuart Reiser, Esq.) to discuss the matter. Although Dr. Cohen denied each and every allegation made in this matter, the Board nevertheless

determined, after a review of the testimony and the documentary evidence, that probable cause exists to institute a formal Complaint alleging gross negligence in the performance of spay surgery for pyometria and in failing to maintain proper sterilization during the aforesaid surgery.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, however, Dr. Cohen is desirous of compromising and settling this matter by the payment of a civil penalty of \$2,500.00 and by reimbursing the Board for its investigative costs of \$270.00, upon the condition that the payment of such a civil penalty and reimbursement of costs shall not constitute an admission on any part of Dr. Cohen, or as evidencing in any degree an admission of the truth or correctness of any claims, allegations or findings made by the complainant or the Board in connection with this matter. The Board being satisfied that this Order is adequately protective of the public interest, and other good cause existing for the entry thereof:

IT IS on this 1<sup>ST</sup> day of MARCH, 1993,

ORDERED that Robert H Cohen, V.M.D., shall pay to the Board a civil penalty in the amount of \$2500.00 and reimburse the Board for its investigative costs in the amount of \$270.00 within thirty (30) days of the date of this Order, and it is further

ORDERED that this Order and the payment of the aforesaid civil penalty and costs shall not constitute an admission on any part of Robert H. Cohen, V.M.D., or as evidencing or indicating in any degree an admission of the truth

or correctness of any claims, allegations or findings asserted by the complainant or the Board in connection with this matter.

BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICAL  
EXAMINERS

BY Thomas Sanguini V.M.D.  
Thomas Sanguini, V.M.D.  
President

I have read and understood the within Order and agree to be bound by the terms therein. Consent is hereby given for the Board to enter this Order.

Robert H. Cohen  
Robert H. Cohen, V.M.D.

Stuart Reiser, Esq.  
Attorney for Dr. Cohen